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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y

6. HARDY (CANADA) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES THOUGHT THE CONSULTATIONS USEFUL. THE REPORT IS A CONCISE EXAMINATION OF UPCOMING UNGA AGENDA ITEMS, BUT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE VALUABLE IF IT ALSO ANALYZED THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ITEMS. HE NOTED THAT EMERGING THIRD WORLD AWARENESS OF THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS, INTERESTS AND DESTINY HAS BEGUN TO CHANGE THE FOCUS OF THE UN. ECONOMIC MATTERS ARE NOW MORE IMPORTANT. NORTH-SOUTH CONCERNS ARE REPLACING EAST-WEST CONCERNS. AND, IDEOLOGICAL MATTERS ARE MORE IMPORTANT. HE SUGGESTED THAT THESE CHANGES WILL HAVE A LONG-TERM IMPACT ON WESTERN SECURITY THAT NATO CANNOT IGNORE.

7. KILLICK (UK) SAID THAT WHILE THE REPORT IS OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS IN SOME RESPECTS, IT STILL RAISES DEEP QUESTIONS, AS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR HARDY. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF INITIATIVES TOWARD PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FAIL DURING THE 31ST UNGA, THERE WILL BE A NEGATIVE SPINOFF; HOWEVER, POSITIVE RESULTS WILL NOT NECESSARILY ASSURE POSITIVE MOODS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE NOTED THAT RUSSIA HAS BEGUN TO ATTACK US/UK EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH, HE THOUGHT, HAS PROFOUND IMPLICATIONS FOR DETENTE. HE SAID HE DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE REPORT, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT WAS SURE THAT HMG WOULD BE WARY OF UNDERTAKING ANY CHAPTER 7 ACTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. KILLICK NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD LOST GROUND IN THE MIDDLE EAST RECENTLY, BUT FEARED THIS WOULD ONLY DRIVE THEM TOWARD THE MORE EXTREME RADICAL GROUPS.

HE SAID THE COUNCIL MUST DEVOTE URGENT ATTENTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE COMING YEAR, TO ATTEMPT TO WORK TOWARD PEACE, OR RISK A REPETITION OF THE EVENTS OF 1973. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SOVIET DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES ARE TENDING TO BE LESS PLAUSIBLE TO THE THIRD WORLD AND WAS RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC ON THE WEST'S ABILITY TO COUNTER EASTERN PROPOSALS. KILLICK REFERRED TO THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, SAYING THAT WHILE IT DID NOT GO ENTIRELY TOWARD THE SOVIETS, THEY SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE THE NAM. RESULTS OF THE COLOMBO SUMMIT WERE SUFFICIENTLY FAVORABLE TOWARD THE SOVIETS TO HAVE A POTENTIAL BAD EFFECT ON DETENTE.

8. PAULS (FRG) THANKED ALLIES FOR THEIR FAVORABLE REACTIONS TO THE FRG INITIATIVE AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES. HE SAID FRG HAS HAD FAVORABLE REACTIONS FROM OTHERS, INCLUDING EVEN SOME MODERATE ARAB COUNTRIES. SOME 20 NATIONS HAVE NOW AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR THE INITIATIVE.

9. KIRCA (TURKEY) SAID WEST SHOULD PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN SETTLING PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA; TURKEY IS MOST SATISFIED AT RECENT US/UK INITIATIVES. HE ADDED THAT TURKEY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS OF BLACK AFRICANS. IN THE MIDDLE EAST, TURKEY WILL SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS.

10. BAL (BELGIAN CHARGE) SAID CONSULTATIONS ON THE UN WERE VERY VALUABLE IN ELIMINATING OR REDUCING DIVERGENCIES BETWEEN THE ALLIES THAT DO NOT ALWAYS HELP TO PROTECT WESTERN INTEREST IN THE UN. CONCERNING UN MEMBERSHIP, BAL DID NOT THINK THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY SHOULD OVERCOME THE NEED FOR SOME SORT OF CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP. BAL AGREED THAT NATO SHOULD NOT OVEREXAGGERATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF CRITICISM OF NATO IN UN FORA, BUT DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS CAUTION SHOULD LEAD TO PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH CHARGES. HE PERSONALLY WELCOMED THE EARLIER REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR KILLICK ON SOVIET INITIATIVES IN THE UN AND THE THIRD WORLD. HE THOUGHT IT CLEAR THAT THE SOVIETS HOPE SUCH INITIATIVES WILL SAP NATO'S STRENGTH. HE
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ALSO THOUGHT THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NOT ALWAYS FAVORABLE TO NATO VIEWS.

11. COMMENT: SEVERAL, LIKE KILLICK, HARDY AND BAL, WERE OBVIOUSLY PRIMED TO MAKE THOROUGH, WIDE-RANGING REMARKS ON UN PROBLEMS AS THEY IMPINGE ON THE ALLIANCE. TIME, BY STICKING CAREFULLY TO THE POINTS COVERED IN THE REPORT, SEEMED TO SIGNAL HAS PREFERENCE FOR LIMITING THE DEBATE ONLY TO THOSE POINTS.
END COMMENT. STRAUSS-HUPE

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